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RE: **Francisco Ijarro aka Francisco Guijarro, et al. v. County of
Los Angeles** - Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 377 079

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation in the above-referenced matter. Also attached are the Case Summary and the Summary Corrective Action Plan.

It is requested that this recommendation, the Case Summary, and the Summary Corrective Action Plan be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda for August 19, 2008.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Francisco Ijarro aka Francisco Guijarro, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 377 079, in the amount of \$170,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by a patient who was being transferred from LAC+USC Medical Center to White Memorial Medical Center.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION


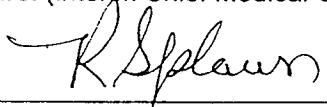

CASE NAME	Francisco Ijarro aka Francisco Guijarro, et al., v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	BC 377079
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court Central District
DATE FILED	September 5, 2007
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$170,000.00
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John Henrichs, Esq. Henrichs Law Firm, P.C.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a wrongful death case brought by Francisco Guijarro and the Estate of Jesus Guijarro for the death of Jesus Guijarro.</p> <p>On July 26, 2006, Jesus Guijarro, who had long history of significant mental and medical conditions, was being transported from LAC+USC Medical Center to White Memorial Hospital.</p>

After arriving at the destination, when the County personnel were assisting Mr. Guijarro to leave the transportation vehicle, Mr. Guijarro escaped. While being re-detained by County personnel, Mr. Guijarro's condition deteriorated and he suffered an arrest. Resuscitative measures were unsuccessful, and the patient was pronounced dead at White Memorial Hospital.

Francisco Guijarro, Jesus Guijarro's father, and the Estate of Jesus Guijarro, filed a lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles and the personnel involved in Jesus Guijarro's transportation.

The County asserts that proper care was provided to Mr. Guijarro, and that his death was not caused or contributed by the actions of the County personnel. Considering the risks involved in a jury trial, however, the Department of Health Services agreed to propose a settlement of this case in the amount of \$170,000.00.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$72,155
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$4,497

Signature: (Risk Management Coordinator) 	Date: 7/17/08
Signature: (Interim Chief Medical Officer) 	Date: 7/17/08
Signature: (Interim Director) 	Date: 7-17-08

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